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Education

Kandidatskaya stepen ' [Ph.D.] May 2005
Institute of Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow
Dissertation on "Gender Relations among the Armenians of Nagorno-Karabakh"
(based on field work in Nagorno-Karabagh October 2000 – June 2001)

Aspirantura (post-graduate training)
General exams passed in philosophy (score 4 of possible 5), English language (5 of 5), and ethnology (5 of 5)

Postgraduate: *September 1999 – May 2005*
Department of Social Anthropology, Faculty of History
Kuban State University, Krasnodar, Russia

Diploma [equivalent to U.S. Bachelor's degree], September 1986 – June 1991
Faculty of History, Kuban State University,
Graduation thesis on "Rituals of the Life Cycle among Armenians of Nagorno-Karabagh"
(awarded highest score of 5)

Current Programme

Multiple Facets of Migration from Gendered and Comparative Perspectives. January 2016 – June 2020. Academic team: Milena Baghdasaryan, Hamlet Petrosyan, Shushanik Ghazaryan, Suzanna Siradeghyan, Hasmik Grigoryan. *Programme leader.*

Academic appointments

January 2015- present
National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Archaeology and Anthropology (SONP),
Yerevan, *Senior Research Fellow*

September 2012 – present
Centre for Independent Social Research (CISR),

St. Petersburg, *Research Fellow (independent researcher)*

February 2006 – Sept. 2012

Full-time lecturer, Associate Professor

Philosophy and Social Sciences

Kuban Social and Economic Institute, Faculty of History

September 2002 – June 2005

Full-time University Lecturer

Kuban State University, Faculty of Public Relations

September 2001 – 2002

Part-time University Lecturer

Sociology and International Relations

Kuban State University, Faculty of History

June 1999 – 2010

Research Fellow

Center for Caucasian and Pontic Studies (CCPS), NGO, Krasnodar

Courses taught

- Ethnology/Anthropology
- Introduction to Sociology
- Introduction: Political Sciences
- Introduction Cultural Studies
- History of Kuban

Special course

- Cultural Peculiarities of the North Caucasus
- Practical Fieldwork Seminar on Ethnology (Ethnographic Method)
- Academic Writing
- Feminist Theory: Gender and Society
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder after Warfare: International and Local Experience
- Extracurricular ethnography study group “Etograficheskii kruzhok”

Academic duties and services

- Student Supervisor for academic writings (including research course papers)
- Teaching aid materials for students
- Assisting students with academic applications and references
- Course design and syllabi writing
- Examination assessment
- Organization of academic conferences and convening of student seminars and roundtable discussions.

Courses in development

- Social Theory
- Anthropology of Forced Migration
- Anthropology of Informal Economy

Conference Organizer

Conference project: “After Genocide: Gendered Trauma, Transmission, and Reinvention” in Partnership with Dr. Carol Mann and Nermina Trbonja. To be held Sept. 17-19, 2016. See details: www.womeninwar.org;

Peacemaking Initiatives

Dialogue of Cultures: Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Turkey. Summer School. July 2015, Bakuriani Georgia. Participant and guest author.

International Partnership

Women in War Paris-based NGO. Representative in Yerevan, Armenia. Since February 2015.

Women in Caucasus and social change – joint academic research project in Armenia (Yerevan) and de facto NKR (Stepanakert, Shushi/a) sponsored by Winchester University, UK. August 24 - Sept 3, 2015.

Comparative Forced Migration: the Dynamics of Integration Processes in Armenia, Russia and the USA. Research Study. Visiting Scholarship: Sept. 21 – Nov. 20, 2015 r. Hosted by Armenian Research Center, Michigan University, Dearborn.

Membership in academic networks

Member (since 2008), George Washington University's PONARS Eurasia (Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia), a global network of social scientists that seeks to promote scholarly work and policy engagement on transnational and comparative topics within the Eurasian space. <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/>

Professional honors and awards

Sept. 2010 - "Certificate of Outstanding Research and Publications Record", awarded by the Rector of Kuban Socio-Economic Institute, Krasnodar, Russia.

June 2009 - "Gendernye shtudii" for the best article on gender studies, annual prize of the European Humanitarian University.

Publications

Books

In the Tight Embrace of Tradition: Patriarchy and War. St. Petersburg: Social and Economic Institute / CISR "Aleteia". May 2011, 240 pp.

В тесных объятиях традиции: война и патриархат. Алетея. СПб. 2011.

(with Arakelyan A., Deligevuryan K.) *Memory and War: Armenian District Through the Lens of Everyday Life*. Krasnodar: Studia Pontocaucasica. June 2013, 172 pp.

(with Ulrike Ziemer) *North Caucasus: Culture, Adat, Identity*. Forthcoming in 2016.

Book Chapter

"National Ideologies, Survival Strategies and Gender Identity in the Political and Symbolic Contexts of Karabakh War" in *Cultural Paradigms And Political Change In The Caucasus: Collection of essays*, Nino Tsitsishvili (ed.). Lap Lambert Academic Publishing, 2010.

(with Lanchenko I) *Obychai i traditsii narodov Severnogo Kavkaza* [Teaching methodology aid for students]. Krasnodar, 2010, 38pp.

"The Virtual Widows of Migrant Husbands in War-Torn Mountainous Karabagh" in *Generations, Kinship and Care. Gendered Provisions of Social Security in Central Eastern Europe*, H. Haukanes and F. Pine (eds.), Volume 17. University of Bergen: Center for Women's and Gender Research, 2005.

"Nomadic Identity: the Case of the Hemshins," in *The Hemshins*, H. Simonyan (ed.). London: Curzon-Routledge. Forthcoming.

Articles

Nona Shahnazarian "Here Is Not Maidan, Here is Marshal Baghramian": The "Electric Yerevan" Protest Movement and Its Consequences *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 413*, January 2016, <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/memo/here-not-maidan-here-marshal-baghramian-electric-yerevan-protest>

Шахназарян Н.Р. От культурного размежевания к национальному единству? Интеграция армянских беженцев из Азербайджана в Нагорном Карабахе. *Этнографическое*

обозрение, № 6, ноябрь-декабрь, 2015. сс. 40-54. "From National Unity to Cultural Unification? The Dynamics of Integration of the Azerbaijani Armenian Refugees/IDPs in the de facto Republic of Nagorno-Karabakh", *Ethnographic Review* # 6. RAS, Moscow.

«Красное яблоко»: Буква традиции vs. сексуальная революция. *Аналитикон* №11(83) Ноябрь 2015 <http://theanalyticon.com/?m=201511&lang=ru>

ՄԵՆՔ Մայրան չենք. ՄԵՆՔ մարշալ Բաղրամյան ենք. Քաղաքացիական շարժում «նեոլիթից», թե՞ «գունավոր հեղափոխություն» <http://theanalyticon.com/?m=201508>

Мы не Майдан, Мы – маршал Баграмян: гражданская инициатива «снизу» или «цветная революция»? *Аналитикон. Август № 08 (80) 2015* <http://theanalyticon.com/?m=201508&lang=ru>

«Կալաշնիկովի» կողով սոցիալական վերելա՞կ. Ռոջավայի (Հյուսիսային Սիրիա) կանանց ջոկատները <http://theanalyticon.com/?m=201509>

"Anti-corruption Measures in the Context of Road Police Reform in Armenia: 'Revolution, Evolution, or Facade?' ", *Acta Slavica Iaponica: International and Interdisciplinary Journal of the Study of Russia, Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia*. Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University. Tomus 36. July. 2015. Pp. 73-103. <http://src-hokudai.ac.jp/publicatn/acta/36/pp.73-103.pdf>

Социальный лифт под кодом «калашников»? Женские бригады Роджавы (Северная Сирия). *Аналитикон. Сентябрь 2015 № 09(81)* <http://theanalyticon.com/?m=201509&lang=ru>

Коррупция, культура, блатные и государственное строительство в контексте реформирования армянской полиции: точки пересечения *Аналитикон* № 03 (75) март, 2015 <http://theanalyticon.com/?m=201503&lang=ru>

Փրկությունը՝ որպես վերլուծական կատեգորիա. առաքինի ակտրուիստներ, թե՞ հաշվենկատ դիլերներ <http://theanalyticon.com/?m=201504>

Спасение как аналитическая категория: праведные альтруисты или расчетливые дилеры? *Аналитикон. Апрель № 04 (76) 2015* <http://theanalyticon.com/?m=201504&lang=ru>

(with U. Ziemer) "Emotions, loss and change: Armenian women and post-socialist transformations in Nagorny Karabakh", *Caucasus Survey*. Volume 2, Nos1-2. Nov. 2014.

"Armenia's Membership in Eurasian Economic Union: Security Guarantees vs. Political Subjectivity". Вступление Армении в ЕАЭС: гарантии безопасности vs. политическая субъектность? *Analyticon*. #12(72), Dec. 2014. <http://theanalyticon.com/?p=5744&lang=ru>

“Care Drain”: the Facets of Woman Migration. “Утечка заботы”: грани женской миграции *Analyticon*. #10(70), Oct. 2014. <http://theanalyticon.com/?p=5623&lang=ru>

Nagorny Karabakh’s De facto Non-Governmental Organization Domain: Political Society vs. Civil Society? *Caucasus Analytical Digest*, CAD # 65, 17 Sept. <http://www.isn.ethz.ch/Digital-Library/Publications/Detail/?ots591=0c54e3b3-1e9c-be1e-2c24a6a8c7060233&lng=en&id=184059>

(with Matthew Light) "Police Reform in Armenia: ‘Revolution or Evolution’?", *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 303*, October 2013. <http://www.ponarseurasia.org/memo/police-reform-armenia-revolution-or-evolution-co-author-matthew-light>

"Letters from the Soviet ‘Paradise’: The Image of Russia among the Western Armenian Diaspora," *Journal of Eurasian Studies*, Vol.4. Issue 1, January 2013, pp. 8-17.

"Police Reform and Corruption in Georgia, Armenia, and Nagorno-Karabakh", *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 232*, September 2012, http://ponarseurasia.com/sites/default/files/policy-memos-pdf/pepm_232_Shahnazarian_Sept2012.pdf

Полицейская реформа и коррупция в Грузии, Армении и Карабахе. Аналитическая записка 232 Сентябрь 2012 (на русском языке). http://www.ponarseurasia.org/sites/default/files/policy-memos-pdf/pepm232_russ_shahnazarian_sept2012.pdf

(with U. Ziemer) "Young Soldiers’ Tales of War in Nagorno Karabakh", a special issue of *Europe-Asia Studies* on ‘The Many Different Faces of the Caucasus’, 2012.

“Gender Asymmetry (Androcentrism) in Karabakhi Armenian Dialect: The Power of Nomination”, *Journal of Conflict Transformation*. Volume 3, Issue 1. 2007. March 1, 2011. <http://caucasusedition.net/analysis>

(with Lale Yalçın-Heckmann) “Experiencing Displacement and Gendered Exclusion: Refugees and Displaced Persons in Post-socialist Armenia and Azerbaijan”, *Caucasus Edition. Journal of Conflict Transformation*, Volume 8, Issue 1. 2007. 2011. <http://caucasusedition.net/analysis>

"Violence, Politics, and Ethnicity in the 'Russian Riviera'", *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 191*. Washington, D.C., 2011. <http://ponarseurasia.org/blog/policy-memos/2011-2/>

“Return to Tradition? Aspects of Postwar Political Culture in Nagorno-Karabakh”, *Policy Memo # 113*, Eurasia Policy Conference, Washington, D.C. October, 2010.

(in Turkish) “Why divide the nation into men and women?': A Case Study of Woman-fighter”, (translated by Fulya Kama) the online publication by March 1, 2010, and the hard copies by May 1, 2010.

“Review: Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop, May 27-29, 2010”, *Bulletin of the Armenian Center. Krakow, 2010 (translated by I. Bocenska).*

“Breaking the Nation’s Taboo. The Mets Eghern, Apology Movement, and Turkish Intellectuals”, *PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference. Policy Memo No 86*, Washington, D.C. September 27, 2009.

(in Polish) “If you open the 40th door...” Armenian-Turkish Dialogue” *Bulletin of the Armenian Center (Krakow) 58/59*, 2009, pp. 27-35 (translated by A. Pisowitz).

"Hemshin, Homshetsi, or Hemshinli? Armenian Speaking Muslim People of the Black Sea Region" *PONARS Eurasia Policy Memo No. 53*, December 2008.
[http://ceres.georgetown.edu/esp/ponarsmemos/47842.html#Transformations%20in%](http://ceres.georgetown.edu/esp/ponarsmemos/47842.html#Transformations%20in%20)

“Social Transformations in Post –Soviet Nagorno Karabakh: Motivations for Migrations”, *PONARS Eurasia Policy Conference. Policy Memo No.38*, Washington, D.C., September 12, 2008.

(with A. Kosmarskii) “Krasnodar—Karabakh—Moscow: The Experience of Dialogical Auto-Ethnography”, *Journal of the Society for Armenian Studies*, 2007.

“The Virtual Widows of Migrant Husbands in War-Torn Mountainous Karabagh,” in: *Generations, Kinship and Care. Gendered Provisions of Social Security in Central Eastern Europe*. Ed: H. Haukanes and F. Pine, Volume No.17. University of Bergen. Center for Women’s and Gender Research. 2005.

(in French) "La situation linguistique des Arméniens du Haut-Karabagh: l'emprunt lexical comme création intralinguistique", *Revue du Monde Armenien Moderne et Contemporain* (Paris, Societe des Etudes Armeniennes) 6, 2001, pp. 51-73.

Forthcoming

A war is not just for men ... Gerdastan vs. Personality. Interview with E. Aghaian (Stepanakert, Nagorny Karabakh, May 2001). *The Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies* [Online], Ed. Elisabeth Sieca-Kozlowski. Paris. In English.

Woman-Warrior Case Study", *Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies* [Online], Ed. Elisabeth Sieca-Kozlowski. Paris. In English.

Федерализм, ориентализм и (псевдо)модернизация: для кого формируются классы «коррекции» и «умственно отсталых»? *Аналитикон*, февраль, 2016.

(with Kristin Cavoukian) Eligibility and Political Representation in Armenia and in *de facto* Nagorno-Karabakh Republic. Forthcoming in: *PALGRAVE Global Handbook on Women’s Political Rights*. Ed. Netina Tan.

Under review

(with Matthew Light) "Police Reform in Armenia. Revolution or Evolution" *Policing and Society Journal*.

“Living in Suspense: Illegal Women Migration, Commodification of Care and the Crisis of Patriarchal Masculinity”, *Laboratorium Sociological Journal*. SPb.

In progress

Traumatic Experience, Difficult Memory and (Re)integration: the Migrant Stories of Economic Success or Failures (to be published in 2016).

Understanding Forced Migration: Public Memory, Oblivion, and Representation Through the Anthropological Perspective.

Selected publications in Russian

(titles have been translated into English); full list of publications available on request

International Women Migration: Commercialization of Care. Independent Journal. Diasporas # 2, Moscow, Jan. 2014.

Trans-border migration out of Armenia and de facto NKR through the Prism of Conflict and Gender Relationships. Diaporas (Independent Journal) Eds. N. Kosmarskaya, R. Vyatkin. Moscow. #1, 2013.

Нона Шахназарян / Nona Shakhnazarian, Алефтина Аракелян / Aleftina Arakelian and Светлана Делигевурян / Svetlana Deligevurian, «Амшенская деревня в годы Великой Отечественной войны: без идеологических купюр [Hamshen Villages during the years of the Great Patriotic War : Without Ideological Cut] », The Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies [Online], Issue 14/15 | 2013, Online since 25 May 2013, connection on 14 September 2013. URL : <http://pipss.revues.org/4025>

“Warlords’ Economic Behavior: Informal Exchanges in Militarized Society” *Ekonomika. Pravo. Pechat’ Vestnik KSEI*. No 3. August. 2012.

World War Two in the Light of the Local and Global: Historical Controversies. Ekonomika. Pravo. Pechat’ Vestnik KSEI. No 1-2. June 2012.

Gender and War in the Perspective of a Case Study Method: Combining Theory and Methodology of Teaching. Ekonomika. Pravo. Pechat’ Vestnik KSEI. No 1-2. June 2012.

with Mintz S. *Caucasus Paradigm Book Review. Antropologicheskii Forum. SPb*. Forthcoming in 2013.

Friendship as a resource of Informal Economy: Analysis of the Two Friends’ Letters (from Nagorno-Karabakh to Krasnodar), (under peer-review process, Journal *Ekonomika. Pravo. Pechat’ Vestnik KSEI*. No 5-6. Oct. 2012).

“Absurdity in Sergei Dovlatov’s Stories: the USSR and the USA sites. Chapter in: “*Inner and Outer Russian Emigration*” Ed. Dyomina L. KSEI Press. Krasnodar. 2011.

“Vis-à-vis with Harold Harfinkel. A Common Sense Sociologist”. *Laboratorium*. Sociological Journal. SPb, CISR #2. 2011.

“Migration, Diaspora, and Citizenship in the Georgian Transborder (the Case of Akhaltsikhe Region). Ed. O. Brednikova. St. Petersburg. CISR. 2011.

“State Feminism, or Cinderella for Modernization: Policy towards Women in the USSR”. *Ekonomika, politika, pravo: zhurnal obschestvennykh nauk*. #18. Krasnodar, 2011.
Claude Lévi-Strauss and Meskheian Turks: Political Myth-building in the South of Russia. “*Analiticon*” Independent journal. Yerevan, 2011.

“*Dear Compatriots ... Déjà vu of Cosmopolitanism*”. *Diasporas*, Independent Journal. Ed. Kosmarskaya N. Moscow #1, 2011.

with Bochenska I., Lanchenko I. “Kurdish Mecca? Place of Mt. Ararat in the Kurdish Ethnic and Social Identities”. *Diasporas*, Moscow #1, 2010.

“*Show me respect...?*” Alternative Economies and Kinship in the South Caucasian Communities” in Special issue *Rethinking the South Caucasus*. *Laboratorium*. Sociological Journal. SPb, CISR #1. 2010.

“*But what do we want with elephant meat...?*”: The Image of Russia among the Western Armenian Diaspora” *Diasporas*. Independent Journal. Ed. Kosmarskaya N. Moscow. 4/2009.

“On Fieldwork, Small-Scale Relationships and Key Interlocutors Through the Lens of Emotions.” Chapter in a book: *Leaving in order to remain...* Ed. E. Chikadze, V. Voronkov. Center for Independent Sociological Research. SPb. 2009.

“...*And where can we become “ours”?* The Flight of Armenians from Azerbaijan and the Political Economy of Post-Socialism”. *Vestnik Evrazii*. Acta Eurasica. #2 (40). Migrations and Diasporas in Eurasia. M. 2008.

"Doing Research on Xenophobia: an Anthropologist's Stance" (Forum). *Antropologicheskii Forum* #8. Kunstkamera and Evropeiskii Universitet. SPb. 2008.

“*The First Christian people in the world?*” Armenian History as taught at school and university, at home and in the Diaspora”// Conference edition. Buryatia State University press. Ulan Ude. April, 2008.

“The Armenians of Krasnodar Krai” brochure of Yuzhno-Rossiiskii Resursnyi center. Krasnodar, 2008.

“The Adyges” brochure of Yuzhno-Rossiiskii Resursnyi center. Krasnodar. 2008.

Young Veterans of the Karabagh War: Life Stories. On-line *Journal of Power Institutions in Post-Soviet Societies* (www.pipss.org) on “The Social and Political Role of War Veterans”. Issue 8/9. June 2008.

“Gender Scenarios of Ethnic Conflicts: Narratives of the Karabakh War”. *Ab Imperio. Studies of New Imperial history and nationalism in the Post-Soviet space.* 1/2007. Moscow.

Editing work

Guest editor / the author of Introduction. *Public Space and Taboo Topics. Special Issue. The Analyticon* on-line journal. #11(83) November, 2015.

Translations

Russian translation of Ivan H. Light, “Transnational Entrepreneurs in an English-Speaking World”, *Die Erde* 141 nos. 1-2 (2010): 1 – 16, in *Diaspora*, independent journal, Moscow 2014.

Russian translation of Mathew A. Light, "The Position of Migrant Armenians and Other Ethnic Minorities in Krasnodar, Stavropol, and Adygeia Regions", for the journal *Vestnik Evrazii*, Moscow 2009.

Russian translation of Elisa Gollub, "New Elements and Social Divides in Contemporary Russian Villages", Academic Paper. 2008.

From Azeri into Russian:

From Azeri to Russian, "The Udi Language Teaching Program in the Azerbaijani Schools", in *The Udis: the Sources and New Materials. Studia Pontocausica*, 4th issue. 1999. Krasnodar. [www. history.kubsu.ru/centr](http://www.history.kubsu.ru/centr)

Awarded Grants and Fellowships (full list available on request)

- Visiting Fellowship, Jawaharlal Nehru University, JNIAS, New Delhi, India, February-April 2014.
- Library Research, Hoover Institution on War, Revolution and Peace; Stanford, California, Oct.-Dec. 2013.
- Visiting Fellowship, EHESS, Paris, February-April 2013.
- Visiting Fellowship, German Academic Exchange Program (DAAD), Martin Luther University, Wittenberg, *Comparative Police Reform in the South Caucasus: Georgia, Armenia, de facto Karabakh*, July-August 2012, Halle, Germany.

- Visiting Scholar Fellowship, Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo, Japan. *Old Habits Die Hard: A Comparative Study of Clientelism, Nepotism and Corruption in Three Post-Socialist Societies*, 2011-2012.
- Visiting Scholar, The Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies (NIAS), 'Social Capital, Informal Exchanges and Poverty in the South Caucasus', September-November 2008.
- Grant, The John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. "Legal Support for Solving of Problems of Registration and Citizenship for Migrants of Krasnodar region". The author of methodical editions: "The Armenians of Krasnodar Krai"; "The Adyges". Krasnodar, 2008.
- Fulbright Visiting Scholar, University of California Los Angeles (UCLA), Department of Sociology. "A Comparative Study of Kinship and the Informal Economy in Two Caucasian societies (Hemshinli and Armenians)". FBSSret 06-14. 2006-2007.
- Carnegie Fellowship, The Smolny Collegium, Smolny College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, 'Blood Bonds and Strong Friends': A study of Kinship and the Informal Economy Dynamics in Soviet Time'. Saint-Petersburg State University. 2006.
- Research Fellowship, Boell Foundation and Center for Independent Sociological Research, St. Petersburg. "Russian-Abkhazian Frontier: Routine in the Context of Instability". Veseloe (Russia) and Gagry (Abkhazia). October 2005.
- Research Fellowship, European Center for Minority Issues Research Project "Between Integration and Resettlement: Meskhetian Turks". 2004-2005.
- Fellowship, Critical Sociology Network Caucasus Academic Project OSI-HESP Regional Seminar for Excellence in Teaching. Georgia, 2004 -2007.
- Grant, Memorial (Historical and Human Right organization, Moscow. "Public Opinion in Russia and Caucasus", "Open Society Institute Foundation – Russia" № CHZ 301. 2003.
- Research Fellowship, International Project (Russia, USA, France) "Russian Census - 2002.
- Field Researcher, Amnesty International, "Meskhetian Turks in Krasnodar Region", July 2000, May 2002.
- Fellowship, The John D. & Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation. Grant № 02-73075-000 GSS Summer School in Research Methodology for Social and Conflict Studies in the North Caucasian region of Russia. 2002.
- Grant, Soros Foundation, Transnational groups and Natives of the Caucasian Black Sea Coast in transition (RSS/OSSF Grant #2234/1179/2000) 1999.

Community service / Voluntary work

July 2014 – Lectures on WWI and Armenian Genocide, Fernando Pessoa University, Porto, Lisbon

July 2014 – Lecture on “Mutual Accusation of Ethnic Cleansings”, EHESS, Paris, France
Sept. 2013 - A series of public lectures, Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh

Sept. 2013 – Taught short course on Gender, Nation and War in Artsakh State University, Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh

Sept-Oct. 2007 – Taught English classes at Mashtots University and Artsakh University, Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh

Summer time 2001 - Taught Russian and English for beginners, Martuni, Nagorno-Karabakh

Oct. 2000-May 2001 - worked as a teacher at Comprehensive school Martuni, Nagorno-Karabakh

1986-1990 - Ethnic Minority Center ‘Mashtots’, administrative assistance

Workshops, conference, and seminars

Upholding Gendered Peace at a Time of War: Academics and Activists Speak Out on the Shifting Places of Women in the Arab World. Presented paper: Forgotten Actors? Women-Soldiers in a Comparative Perspective (the cases from Armenian-Azerbaijani Armed Conflict for Karabakh and PKK Movement). Conference LAU, 8-11 июня 2015, Lebanon, Beirut .

July 2011 - June 2014 – External expert, workshop on ‘Religion, Democracy, and Nation in the Southern Caucasus: A Comparative Analysis of Key Concepts in Armenia, Georgia, Azerbaijan’. Financed by State Secretariat of Education and Research, Bern/Switzerland and Academic Swiss Caucasus Net (ASCN), Fribourg/Switzerland.

May 25-27, 2012 – International conference, Centre for Independent Social Research, Laboratorium. Russian Review for Social Research, European University at St. Petersburg ‘Complex Gaze at a Complex World: Challenges of comparison in social research’, St. Petersburg, Russia

28-29 October 2011 – video conference ‘Hot and cold ethnicities in post-Soviet space’, Tallinn University, Tallinn, Estonia.

October 2010 – Georgian Trans-Border workshop (10-day intensive field work and analytical seminars in Samtskhe-Dzhavakheti).

May 27-29, 2010 – Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop, “Silenced but Resilient: Language and Memory in Anatolia and Neighboring Regions”, participant.

May 24-27, 2009 - Hrant Dink Memorial Workshop, participant.

Sept.-Oct. 2004 – Member of Research group (Prof. William Reno, Georgi Derlugian, Lee Seymour, North Western University, Illinois) “Official discourses in de facto NK” Researcher and translator.

August 2001 – International Summer School in Karabakh Armenian dialect, Stepanakert, Nagorno-Karabakh

30 Jan -1 Feb 2000 – International conference “Sefer”, Moscow.

Selected professional presentations (full list is available on request)

3-6 Sept. 2013 - Artchakh State University. Stepanakert. Public lectures on Gender at War.

18 July 2012 – Institute for Caucasus Studies, Jena University, Germany. Lecture on Ethnographic Fieldwork in War-torn Region.

19 March, 2012 - University of Kyoto, Kyoto Institute of Economic Research (KIER), Japan - “Does Culture Affect Anti-corruption Measures? The Case of Georgia”

18 January, 2011 - Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University, Sapporo – “Homo Sovieticus” through the Armenian Diaspora’s Prism: Representations, Stereotypes, and Images”

6 March, 2010 – University London College, CEELBAS, London, England – “Gender Dimension of Migration and Economy of War: Some Regional Patterns”

19 September, 2008 - Munk Centre for International Studies, University of Toronto “The Situation in Post-Soviet Karabakh and Why Some People Leave”

26, 28 September 2007 – Artsakh State University, Stepanakert, de-facto Nagorno-Karabagh Republic “Gender Stereotypes in the Traditionally-Oriented Societies”; “War Neuroses: Local and International Experiences”

16 October 2008 – Institute of Archeology and Anthropology, Academy of Sciences Republic of Armenia, Yerevan “Women’s Migration: the Armenian Nannies and Elderly Caregivers in Los Angeles and Bay Area ”

24 January 2007 – Toronto University, Department of Sociology, Canada “Informal Economy and Patron-clientelism in Caucasus”

22 January 2007- Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Department of Sociology. Kercher Symposium Series at Western Michigan University. “Kinship, Mutual Aid and Informal Exchanges in Two Caucasian Communities: Hemshins and Karabagh Armenians”

30 October 2006 – University California of Los Angeles, Department of sociology “Migrations and Gender Transformations in Post-Soviet Karabagh ”

29 September –1 October 2005 - Centre for Women's and Gender Research, University of Bergen, Norway International Conference Displacement: Global Dynamics and Gendered Patterns

8 February 2005 – Indiana University, Bloomington, Department of Political Sciences “Nation-building processes in de-facto Nagorno-Karabagh Republic: anthropological perspectives”

3 – 5 February 2005 – The Center for International and Comparative Studies, Northwestern University, Evanston, USA Conference Identifying Self-Repairing Dynamics in Post-Conflict Societies: the Caucasus and Central Asia “Our Mountains Shall Feed Us!”: The Structures of Everyday Survival in the War-time Karabagh

6 – 8 May 2004 Centre for Women's and Gender Research, University of Bergen, Norway Workshop Social Security, vulnerability and resilience in Central and Eastern Europe: gendered and generational perspectives.

Selected methodological training (full list is available upon request)

August-September 2004

8th International Summer School in Gender Studies, Foros, Ukraine

January—March 2004

Professional Development “Qualitative Research Course”, Russian Academy of Sciences, Institute of Sociology, Moscow

July 2003

Summer School in Gender Studies, Samara, Russia

Languages

Russian: fluent, as mother tongue.

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